Heavy Rain Alert

Message Type: Heavy Rainfall
Message Update No.: One
Advisory No.: 05/2019
Date of Issue: 10th Oct, 2019 1200 UTC
Validity: From 10th October, 2019 3pm to 14th October, 2019 6pm
Urgency: Expected
Severity: Moderate
Certainty: Moderate Probability of occurrence (33% to 66% Chance)

Message Description:
Several parts of the country are expected to experience heavy rainfall of more than 20mm in 24 hours between Thursday 10th and Monday 14th October, 2019. High rainfall intensity is expected over the northeastern, central and coastal regions. The heavy rainfall during this period is likely to be accompanied by strong winds.

Area(s) of Concern:

Counts in the Highlands West of the Rift Valley (Kakamega, Vihiga, Nandi, Elgeyo Marakwet, West Pokot, Trans Nzoia, Bungoma, Bomet, Uasin Gishu, Kisii, Kericho, Nyamira), Lake Victoria Basin (Kisumu, Siaya, Migori, Homa Bay and Busia), Counties in the Central Rift Valley (Nakuru, Narok, Laikipia, Baringo). Counties in the Highlands East of the Rift Valley (Nyeri, Muranga, Embu, Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Kirinyaga, Kiambu and Nyandarua) and Nairobi area. Counties in the Coastal strip (Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale, Tana River and Lamu), Northeastern Kenya Counties (Wajir, Garissa and Mandera), Counties in Southeastern Kenya (Machakos, Makueni and Taita Taveta); Northwestern Kenya (Western parts of Turkana, Northern parts of Marsabit and Samburu).

Advisory:
Residents in all the mentioned areas are advised to be on the lookout for potential flash floods. Flood waters may suddenly appear even in places where it has not rained heavily and can be deeper and faster than they look. Residents are advised to avoid driving through, or walking in, moving water or open fields and not to shelter under trees and near grilled windows to minimize exposure to lighting strikes. People in landslide prone areas should be on high alert. The heavy rains and moderate to strong winds may result in storm surges along the coast; hence fishermen and all in the Marine industry should be on high alert. Continue listening to local media as updates will be provided if conditions change significantly.

Message Addressed to:
Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry; Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry; Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry; the Presidency; National Intelligence Service, Kenya Red Cross, Kenya Maritime Authority, Kenya Ports Authority, National Disaster Operations Centre, Media, Relevant Government Ministries, Council of Governors, County Directors of Meteorological Services (CDMs)

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